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20 March 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Duckett

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1. The Honor and Merit Awards Board acted yesterday on [ ] several recommendations for [ ] and company. I had failed to note, however, that there were three awards for the Medal of Merit, and then two for the Certificate of Merit which is a pretty healthy gap. The Board felt (and I certainly agreed based on prior conversations with [ ] that the Certificate of Distinction was more appropriate than the Certificate of Merit in the case of [ ]. He is the guy who has shouldered the operational responsibility on the team. As is usual in this case, the Board approves the awards and approves [ ] for the Certificate of Distinction if you feel this is a more appropriate action.

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2. Recommend concurrence.

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*forward of P. Duckett concurrence*

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